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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

STADDON et al.

Appl. No.: (To be assigned)

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For: Use of Vascular Endothelial

Growth Factor (VEGF)

Art Unit: (To be assigned)

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Atty. Docket: 0623.1090001/EKS/BJD

Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution in the above identified matter, Applicants seek entry of the following amendments. This Preliminary Amendment is provided in the following format:

- (A) A clean version of each replacement paragraph/section/claim along with clear instructions for entry;
- (B) Starting on a separate page, appropriate remarks. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.121 and MPEP § 714; and
- (C) Starting on a separate page, a marked-up version entitled: "Version with markings to show changes made."

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

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